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To Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor, *Simon* Lord *Harcourt*, Our Keeper of Our Great Seal of *Great Britain*.

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RIght Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor, We Greet you well. Whereas since Our Accession to the Throne of Our Ancestors, We have issued out several Proclamations strictly enjoining and requiring all Our Officers and Ministers to execute with the utmost Diligence and Vigour those good and wholsome Laws which have from time to time been made for the preventing and punishing of Vice, Profaneness, and Immorality; and whereas, to Our great Grief, We are informed, that notwithstanding those Our repeated Commands, those Laws have not been duly executed according to Our earnest Desire and just Expectation: We most seriously and religiously considering, that it is Our indispensible Duty to exercise that Authority wherewith God has entrusted Us, for the Suppression of those Vices, which are so highly displeasing to him; and reflecting at the same time, with all Humility and Gratitude, upon the many and signal Blessings which God hath poured down upon Us and Our People through the whole Course of Our Reign, the Continuance of which Mercies We cannot expect, unless by Our Authority a timely Check be put to those crying Sins, which may justly draw down the divine Vengeance on Us and Our Kingdoms; that We may not be wanting in Our Duty to God by whom We Reign, nor in Our Affection to Our People, to whom we wish all Happiness and Prosperity: We have thought fit, by these Presents to signify unto you Our Royal Will and Pleasure, and We do hereby renew Our express Commands, that the most proper and effectual Methods be taken for the Suppression of Vice, by a faithful and impartial Execution of all Our Laws which are now in force against Irreligion, Blasphemy, profane Cursing and Swearing, Profanation of the Lord's-day, excessive Drinking, Gaming, Lewdness, and all other dissolute, immoral, and disorderly Practices; and to this end, We require that all Constables, Headboroughs, and all other Officers whatsoever, be encouraged to do their part in their several Stations, by timely and impartial Informations and Prosecutions against Offenders.

That hearty Zeal and just Indignation which all Our good Subjects from all Parts of the Kingdom have expressed against the Authors, Spreaders, and Abettors of loose, wicked, and atheistical Principles, give Us reason to hope, that Our Publick Officers and Magistrates will shew the like Abhorrence and Detestation of all impious, immoral, and lewd Practices, by a careful Avoidance of them in their own Persons, and by a due Correction of all such Offences in others. And we do at this special Juncture the more willingly repeat Our former Commands for putting the Laws strictly in Execution, because We promise Ourselves a ready and dutiful Compliance therewith from those who have given Us many and fresh Assurances of their Affection to Our Person and Government, and who cannot do Us a more acceptable Service, or better testify their Loyalty to Us, than by assisting Us in the Advancement of Virtue, and the Suppression of Vice. And as these things do fall more immediately under the Cognizance of Our Justices of the Peace, who by the nature of their Office, and the solemn Oaths they have taken, are under the strictest Obligations to promote Religion and good Manners, and punish all disorderly Practices; Our Will and Pleasure is, that you transmit Copies of these Our Letters to the Custodes Rotulorum *of the several Counties of that Part of* Great Britain *called* England, *and of the Dominion of* Wales, *to be read publickly at their next General Quarter-Sessions: And so We bid you heartily Farewel. Given at Our Castle of* Windsor, *the Twenty-second Day of* October 1711, *in the Tenth Year of Our Reign.*

By Her Majesty's Command,

DARTMOUTH.

Whitehall, Dec. 31. Her Majesty has been pleased to Create Peers of Great Britain:

George Hay, Esq; one of the Four Tellers of the Receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Hay, of Bedwarden in the County of Hereford.

The Right Honourable Thomas Lord Viscount Windsor, in the Kingdom of Ireland, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Mountjoy of the Isle of Wight, in the County of Southampton.

The Right Honourable Henry Pagett, Esq; Son and Heir Apparent of the Right Honourable William Lord Pagett, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Burton of Burton, in the County of Stafford.

The Right Honourable Sir Thomas Mansell, of Margam in the County of Glamorgan, Bart. by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Mansell of Margam, in the County of Glamorgan aforesaid.

Sir Thomas Willoughby of Wollaton, in the County of Nottingham, Bart. by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Middleton of Middleton, in the County of Warwick.

The Right Honourable Sir Thomas Trevor, Knt. Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common-Pleas, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Trevor of Bromham, in the County of Bedford.

George Granville of Stow in the County of Cornwall, Esq; by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Lansdowne of Biddiford, in the County of Devon.

Samuel Massam of Oates in the County of Essex, Esq; by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Massam of Oates, in the County of Essex aforesaid.

Thomas Foley of Witley in the County of Worcester, Esq; by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Foley of Kidderminster, in the said County of Worcester. And,

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